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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EXCHANGE OF FIRE ON CEASEFIRE LINE

1. THERE HAS BEEN TWO HOUR EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH POSITIONS ON CEASEFIRE LINE NEAR NICOSIA. BRISK FIRING BROKE OUT AT 1930 HOURS LOCAL FEBRUARY 1 AT POINT WEST OF NICOSIA RACE COURSE, THEN SPREAD EASTWARD ALONG GREEN LINE INTO UN "NICOSIA EAST" SECTOR IN KAIMAKLI AREA. FIRE FIGHT ALSO OCCURRED IN AREA AROUND NICOSIA AIRPORT CIRCLE. EXCHANGE CEASED AT 2130 HOURS LOCAL AND AS OF 2215 HOURS THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER FIRING.

2. UN SOURCES REPORT THAT IT IS BELIEVED TURKISH SIDE FIRED FIRST. HOWEVER, THEY STRESS THAT INCIDENT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AND NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN AT THIS TIME.

3. NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

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4. NICOSIA PRESS AND RADIO TODAY REPORT THAT TURKISH FORCES

OPENED FIRE ON GREEK POSITIONS IN SKOURIOTISSA AREA (SOUTH OF LEFKA) ON JANUARY 31, CHARACTERIZING INCIDENT AS "HEAVY EXCHANGE OF FIRE" AND "ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS BREACHES OF THE AUGUST 16 CEASEFIRE."

5. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON WHETHER GOC PLANS TO FILE FORMAL CHARGE OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATION ON EITHER OF THESE INCIDENTS.
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